

**CLAIMS:**

1           1.       A method of switching between a previous base station and a new base  
2 station in a wireless communications system, said method comprising the steps of:  
3           sending signals indicating to said wireless communications system the identity  
4 of said new base station from which the wireless unit selected to receive downlink  
5 data;  
6           waiting for an indication to switch to said new base station  
7           receiving downlink data from said previous base station until said indication;  
8 and  
9           switching to said new base station after said indication to switch to said new  
10 base station.

1           2.       The method of claim 1 wherein said step of sending comprising the  
2 step of:  
3           sending base station identification information on an uplink control channel  
4 associated with a downlink data channel carrying said downlink data to said previous  
5 base station.

1           3.       The method of claim 2 wherein said step of sending comprises the step  
2 of :  
3           sending said base station information and downlink data rate information on  
4 said uplink control channel to said previous base station.

1           4.       The method of claim 1 wherein said step of receiving comprises the  
2 step of :  
3           receiving downlink data from said previous base station until an indication  
4 from said previous base station that data for said wireless unit at said previous data  
5 has been sent.

